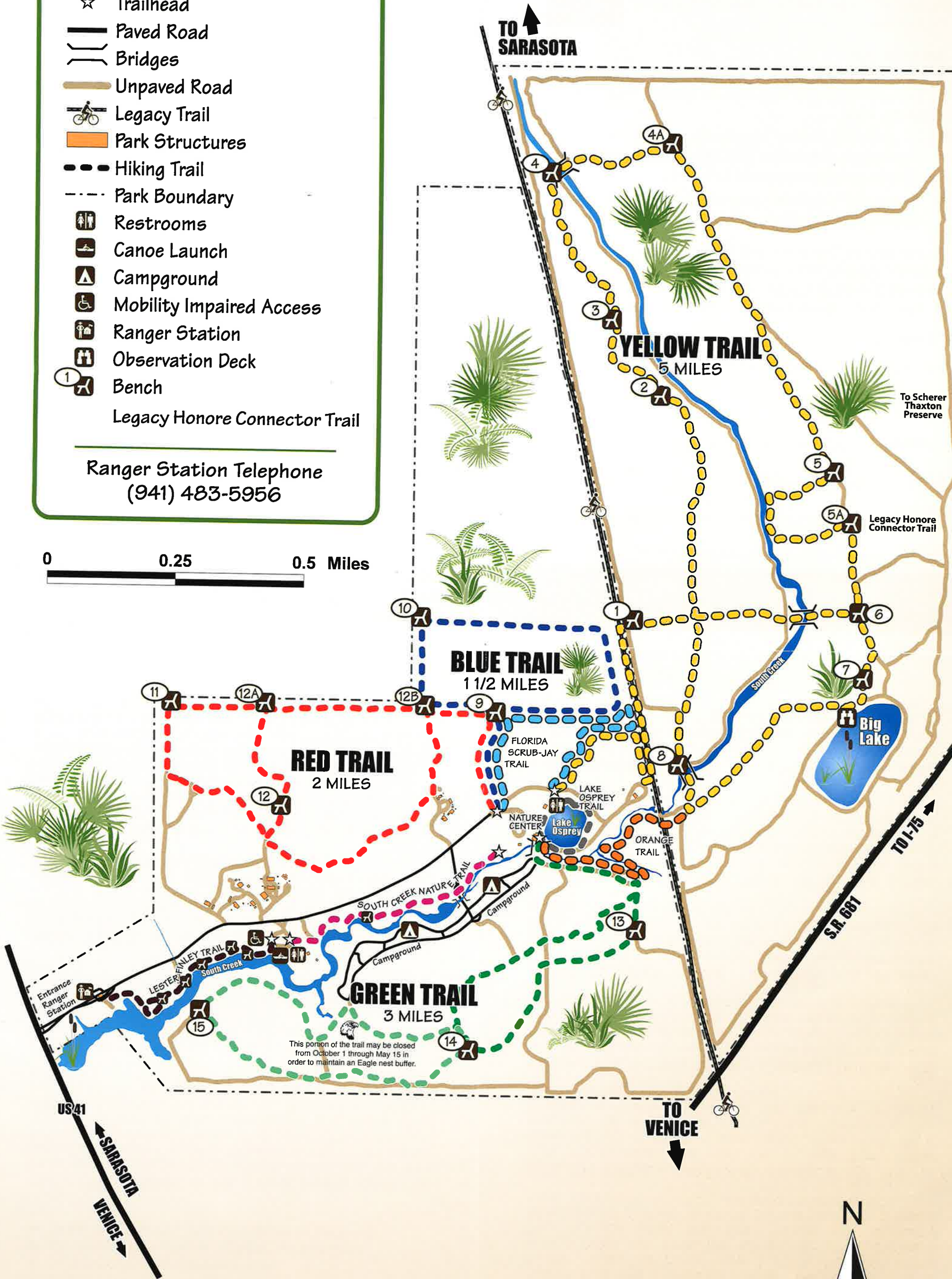


# LEGEND

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- Legacy Honore Connector Trail

Ranger Station Telephone  
(941) 483-5956



This portion of the trail may be closed from October 1 through May 15 in order to maintain an Eagle nest buffer.





## INTERESTED IN JOINING THE FRIENDS?

The Friends of Oscar Scherer Park, Inc. is a designated Citizen Support Organization under the Division of Recreation and Parks of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.



## MISSION:

- To support the preservation and protection of the cultural resources and natural systems that are part of the Park
- To promote public awareness of the ecological importance of the Park through interpretive programs, special events, and social functions
- To provide volunteer projects, services and general assistance to the Park

The Friends of Oscar Scherer Park, Inc. is a non-profit tax-exempt organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions are deductible to the extent allowed under current tax laws.

Annual Dues:

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# Oscar Scherer State Park HIKING TRAILS

1843 South Tamiami Trail  
 Osprey, FL 34229  
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## TRAIL ADVISORIES

- Restrooms are available in the picnic areas.
- Wear good hiking shoes
- Bring drinking water for yourself and your pet
- Wear a hat and use sunscreen
- Stay on trail and carry out litter
- Ranger station phone number on benches
- Dogs MUST be on a six foot leash at all times

**YELLOW TRAIL** ● This 5 mile, mainly sandy, trail takes about 2.5 hours to complete. It is the only trail that explores the Mary Thaxton Preserve east of the Legacy Trail, passing through mesic pine flatwoods, hardwood hammocks and scrubby flatwoods. If you enjoy quiet solitude, then this is the trail for you. Shorter hikes of 2.5 or 3.5 miles may be taken. Biking can be difficult in the soft sand.

**BLUE TRAIL** ● This 1.5 mile trail passes through mesic pine flatwoods and scrubby flatwoods. Much of the trail is sandy and provides little to no shade. A good trail to spy the Florida Scrub-jay and other fascinating creatures like the gopher tortoise. Biking can be difficult in spots.

**RED TRAIL** ● This 1.5 or 2 mile trail explores the northwestern portion of the park. Notice how the soils change as you pass from the sandy scrubby flatwoods to the more organic pine flatwoods. The northern section of the trail can hold water during the rainy season. Biking can be difficult in spots.

**GREEN TRAIL** ● This 2 or 3 mile trail begins behind the Nature Center. After passing by a few campsites it leaves the shade of the hardwood hammock to the open scrubby flatwoods where the Florida Scrub-jay makes its home. Look for signs of prescribed burning, a tool used to restore the natural habitats found within the park. Two unique bird species nest along this trail; the Florida Scrub Jay and the American Bald Eagle. Best hiking trail for bikes. There are, however, still a few sandy spots.

**ORANGE TRAIL** ● Although a short .3 miles, this trail offers several unique features. The trail is a perfect shortcut to the observation bench at Big Lake.

**LESTER FINLEY TRAIL** ● This .5 mile barrier free trail meanders along the tidal estuary of South Creek. The barrier free trail offers superb hiking opportunities for those of all abilities. The extensive tree canopy offers the hiker shade. An accessible fishing pier, 2 butterfly gardens, several benches, a picnic table and water fountain are located on the trail.

**SOUTH CREEK NATURE TRAIL** ● This .5 mile, self-guided, trail can be accessed from either Lake Osprey or South Creek Picnic Areas. Pick up a brochure at either end of the trail referencing the numbered markers along the trail. The trail is shady and meanders along South Creek.

**LEGACY HONORE TRAIL CONNECTION** ● This .75 mile trail connects our yellow trail to the Scherer Thaxton Preserve, eventually leading out to Honore Ave. The trail can be wet during the summer months. Follow the bike wheel trail markers once on the yellow trail.

**LAKE OSPREY TRAIL** ● This .25 mile, fully accessible trail circles Lake Osprey providing excellent views of the lake. This is the perfect trail if you do not wish to get too far off the beaten path but still wish to feel at one with nature.

**FLORIDA SCRUB-JAY TRAIL** ● This .5 mile, self-guided trail gives you the opportunity to learn about Florida Scrub-jays while immersed in their natural habitat. Grab a brochure from the post at either end of the trail marked with the scrub-jay silhouette. The trail is sandy, making biking difficult.

**LEGACY TRAIL** ● This 10 plus mile, multi-use paved trail passes through the middle of Oscar Scherer State Park, which is located about midway along the trail, making the park a perfect location from which to explore the trail to the North or South. The hard, level surface provides great biking opportunities.